

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 121

BY SENATOR COUSSAN

COURTS. Provides for the jurisdictional limits for the city courts located in the 15th judicial district. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843 (D), (E), (F), and (G) and to
3 repeal Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4843(H), relative to jurisdiction of city courts;
4 to provide relative to the amount in dispute when the civil jurisdiction is concurrent
5 with the district court; to provide with respect to the jurisdictional amount in dispute
6 in the City Court of Crowley, the City Court of Lafayette, and the City Court of
7 Rayne; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843 (D), (E), (F), and (G) are hereby
10 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §4843. City court jurisdiction; amount in dispute; injunctive actions by state or
12 political subdivision

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14 D. ~~In the City Court of Lafayette, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the~~
15 ~~district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property~~
16 ~~involved, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars.~~

17 E. In the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of

1 Eunice, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court of Natchitoches, a city court in
2 New Orleans, the City Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Port Allen, the City
3 Court of Ville Platte, and the City Court of Winnsboro, the civil jurisdiction is
4 concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value
5 of the property involved, does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

6 ~~F.E.~~ In the City Court of Breaux Bridge, ~~the City Court of Crowley~~, the City
7 Court of Hammond, the City Court of Houma, the City Court of Jeanerette, the City
8 Court of Jennings, the City Court of Monroe, the City Court of New Iberia, the City
9 Court of Oakdale, ~~the City Court of Rayne~~, and the City Court of Winnfield, the civil
10 jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute,
11 or the value of the property involved, does not exceed thirty thousand dollars.

12 ~~G.F.~~ In the City Court of Abbeville, the City Court of Baker, the City Court
13 of Baton Rouge, **the City Court of Crowley**, the City Court of Kaplan, **the City**
14 **Court of Lafayette**, the City Court of Leesville, the City Court of Minden, the City
15 Court of Plaquemine, **the City Court of Rayne**, the City Court of Shreveport, the
16 City Court of Springhill, and the City Court of Zachary, the civil jurisdiction is
17 concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value
18 of the property involved, does not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars.

19 ~~H.G.~~ In the City Court of Alexandria, the Third Ward City Court of Franklin,
20 the City Court of Pineville, the City Court of East St. Tammany, the City Court of
21 Ruston, the City Court of Sulphur, and the City Court of Lake Charles, the civil
22 jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute,
23 or the value of the property involved, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

24 Section 2. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(H) is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Hanna Gettys.

Present law provides that in the City Court of Lafayette, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$25,000.

Present law provides that in the City Court of Breaux Bridge, the City Court of Crowley, the City Court of Hammond, the City Court of Houma, the City Court of Jeanerette, the City Court of Jennings, the City Court of Monroe, the City Court of New Iberia, the City Court of Oakdale, the City Court of Rayne, and the City Court of Winnfield, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$30,000.

Present law provides in the City Court of Abbeville, the City Court of Baker, the City Court of Baton Rouge, the City Court of Kaplan, the City Court of Leesville, the City Court of Minden, the City Court of Plaquemine, the City Court of Shreveport, the City Court of Springhill, and the City Court of Zachary, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$35,000.

Proposed law increases the civil jurisdictional amount from \$20,000 to \$35,000 for the City Court of Lafayette.

Proposed law increases the civil jurisdictional amount from \$30,000 to \$35,000 for the City Court of Crowley and the City Court of Rayne.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843 (D), (E), (F), and (G); repeals C.C.P. Art. 4843(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical amendments.